

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 99-111

July 29, 1999

MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
Standard Offer Bidding Procedure

ORDER ADOPTING
REQUEST FOR BIDS
TO PROVIDE STANDARD
OFFER SERVICE

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

Through this Order, we adopt the attached Requests for Bids to Provide Standard Offer Service.

Section 3212(2) of Title 35-A requires the Commission to administer a bid process to select standard offer providers for transmission and distribution (T&D) utility service territories. Chapter 301 of our rules governs the required process. Section 8 of Chapter 301 provides that the Commission will issue a request for standard offer bids for each T&D service territory, but allows for consumer-owned utilities (COUs) to opt to conduct their own bid process. Each of the COUs has exercised this option. Therefore, we will not issue an RFB for the COU territories.

We have prepared and hereby adopt a separate request for bids (RFB) for the service territories of Central Maine Power Company, Bangor Hydro-Electric Company, and Maine Public Service Company. Consistent with Chapter 301, we will issue the RFBs on August 2, 1999. Each of the RFBs contains as an attachment the standard form contract between utilities and standard offer providers that we approved on July 19, 1999 (Docket No. 99-170). To assure consistency between the RFBs and standard contracts, we delegate to the Commission's Director of Technical Analysis authority to modify the standard form contract to conform with the RFBs or to make other ministerial changes.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 29th day of July, 1999.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Raymond J. Robichaud
Assistant Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch
 Nugent
 Diamond

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2. Appeal of a final decision of the Commission may be taken to the Law Court by filing, within 30 days of the date of the Order, a Notice of Appeal with the Administrative Director of the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(1)-(4) and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 73, et seq.
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